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Examiner McCorkle:

Per our discussions, below is my understanding of how the '709 patent is being applied to claims 13 and 15. In order to keep the record complete, I would propose including this statement or one similar to it, if you agree to its accuracy, in our response or in an interview summary sheet.

"Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her time on July 27, 2006 to review the rejection of the present application over Bechtold in greater detail than provided in the Office Action. The rejections of claims 13 and 15 over Figures 1-4 of Bechtold were reviewed. With respect to claims 13 and 15, the Examiner clarified the rejection as follows:

the "pushrod 14" is asserted as reading on the claimed "plunger";
the "detent element 46" is asserted as reading on the claimed "first engaging member";
the un-numbered connection between "pushrod 14" and "plunger 23" is asserted as reading on the claimed "coupling";
the "recess 48" is asserted as reading on the claimed "second engaging member";
the "cocking spring 11" is asserted as reading on the claimed "first spring";
the direction opposite to the unnumbered directional arrow in Figure 2 is asserted as reading on the claimed "first direction";
the "proximal end 20p" is asserted as reading on the claimed "surface";
the unnumbered directional arrow in Figure 2 is asserted as reading on the claimed "second direction"; and
the "spring 26" is asserted as reading on the claimed "second spring".

Once you have had an opportunity to review, please contact me so that we can prepare the appropriate response.

Best regards,



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